

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Dennis, Pelura, Dowe, Newton and Brown were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Manager, G. Krivda Police Chief and A. Telsey- Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Under **Committee Departmental Reports** Mr. Dennis started with the Fire Department had 15 calls with one being to Southgate Nursing Home. There were no injuries. Mr. Dennis said the new ambulance company is having some trouble getting a lease agreement but it is being worked on.

Mr. Newton said he had no report for tonight's meeting. He did comment the Temporary Housing Officer is doing well and getting adjusted

Mayor Brown said he attended a JIF two-day Planning Retreat on July 26th and 27th. The Mayor said he sent out several updates and changes for next year. He mentioned sending out Safety Bulletins to all Department Heads. Mayor Brown mentioned an app that can be downloaded to your phone so updates can be downloaded quickly.

Mayor Brown said on the Public Works front there is a sink hole on N. DuPont Road due to a rotten pipe. Mr. Cosaboon Engineer said the 2017 Municipal Aid for road reconstruction was approved for funding and they are looking at getting ready for bidding the project. The final package will be submitted to NJ DOT. The pipe will have to be replaced when the road is open. Mr. Cosaboon said he is working on the NJ DOT 2019 Municipal Road Reconstruction project list. He mentioned Bianca Ave as being one of the roads to be worked on. Mr. Cosaboon said he is still working on the sink hole on Harding Highway. NJ DOT is working on this; his contact has been off on leave until the end of August. Mr. Pelura asked about a hole on S. DuPont Road by the back entrance to the High School. Mr. Santogrossi said there is a separation. Mr. Santogrossi said he is aware of this and is working on fixing it. While Mr. Santogrossi was speaking he mentioned getting proposals for Hill Top Road. He said he phoned and emailed four places for quotes and he has only received one quote. Mrs. Stout said as long as he shows he tried they can go with the one received.

Mr. Dowe spoke of National Night Out in Dunns Park. He said all went well with the Recreation Commission handing out popcorn. He asked for the fees for the next Community Yard Sale to be waived. Mr. Dowe made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor. Mr. Dowe mentioned a bookbag handout on September 8th for children in Kindergarten to 8th grade at the Middle School from 9 am to noon. There will be other events happening there. Mr. Dowe moved on to address a new member to the Industrial Commission. That will be done at the next meeting. The Municipal Courts had a resignation of the Public Defender and they are hopefully going to fill that position soon. He also mentioned interviews for the Deputy Court Administrator's position on August 30th.

Mr. Pelura said the Dog Registrar is working on the free Rabies Clinic for next year. They are not sure if it will be left in March or moved back to January. More information will be coming for this event.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$1,534,464.73**. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Mayor Brown abstained from K0136. All were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from July, 2018**. All were in favor.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the **Administrative Compensation Time**, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the **minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on July 18, 2018 and the Special meeting held on July 31, 2018**. Seconded by Mr. Dowe. All were in favor with Mr. Dennis and Mr. Pelura abstaining from approving the Special meeting minutes.

RESOLUTION 2018-132

GRANTING CONSENT TO THE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Mr. Newton made a motion to consent to the issuance of debt by the Sewerage Authority for financing the costs of a refunding project. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-133

CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CASE IH FARMALL 110A TRACTOR

Motioned by Mr. Newton to approve a contract with Farm-Rite, Inc. for the purchase of a Case IH Farmall 110A Tractor for Public Works in the amount of \$62,189.16. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-134

REFUND OVERPAID TAXES

Motion was made by Mr. Dowe to approve the refund of overpaid taxes to Lereta, LLC for Block 161 Lot 30 and Bk 169.02 Lot 17 in the amount of \$3,261.06. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-135

REFUND THIRD QUARTER OVERPAID TAXES

Mr. Newton motioned to approve the refund of overpaid taxes to CoreLogic in the amount of \$2,904.97, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-136

REFUND TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN

Motioned by Mr. Dennis to approve the refund of \$809.61 to Block 44, Lot 6 for 100% Total Disabled Veteran Deduction, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-137

2019 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

This resolution was tabled due to being reviewed further.

RESOLUTION 2018-138

AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motioned on by Mr. Dennis to approve the selling of surplus property through Govdeals.com, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-139

SUPPORTING THE NJDOT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RT 40 NJ TURNPIKE TO E. QUILLYTOWN ROAD

Mr. Newton made the motion to authorize support to NJ DOT for improvements to Route 40 NJ Turnpike to E. Quillytown Road, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Mayor Brown said NJ DOT likes the Township to show their support for this project. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-140
SUPPORTING THE NJDOT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HOLLYWOOD AVE.
AND ROUTE 130 PROJECT

Mr. Newton motioned to authorize support to NJ DOT for improvements to Hollywood Ave. and Route 130 by adding a roundabout, seconded by Mr. Dowe. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-141
DESIGNATING BLOCK 250, LOTS 1, 1.01, 2, 2.02, 3, 7, 8, AND 8.03 AS A
NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to approve the designation of the Block and lots identified above as an area in-need of redevelopment, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mayor Brown commented that at the Planning Board last night they passed a resolution after a hearing on this area in-need of redevelopment. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 937

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 37, AND FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT. Mr. Dowe made a motion to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

A **Mayoral Appointment** of Levi Snow was made by Mayor Brown to fill an open seat on the Planning Board as Alternate #4. This position expires on December 1, 2019.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Brown mentioned a letter from the 3rd Legislature District regarding the vacancies in the roles of Salem County Rutgers Extension Agent and 4-H Agent. Mayor Brown mentioned we sent a letter to support after a request came in from the Elmer Mayor. The Mayor then said we had received a letter of resignation from Marques Goetsch Public Defender effective August 24th. Mr. Dowe made a motion to accept the resignation with regret, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business** Mayor Brown spoke about the problems with the alleyways in Carneys Point. He said the Shop Stewart Mark Forsman, Mr. Santogrossi, Mr. Telsey and himself had a meeting on the safety of the employees going into the alleys. Mr. Forsman said there is overgrowth and debris in the alleyways. The Township cannot just go in and clear trees, brush and trash without notifying the residents. Mayor Brown is requesting to send a letter to all properties on an alleyway. The resident or owners will have 10 days to respond before clean-up begins. This will be done until probably until October. Once complete the owners or residents will have to maintain the alleyways or be fined going forth. Mr. Dowe made a motion to authorize the letters being sent out, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

With no **New Business** to discuss Mayor Brown moved on to the Public Portion of the meeting.

Public Participation: Martin Cleary of 233 Broad St. mentioned the condition of the playground at the Recreation Complex. Mr. Dowe said he spoke to Mr. & Mrs. Bomba with a "Place for Sammy"., they along with the Township will be looking for grants to replace and repair the playground. Mr. Cleary asked how this got in such disrepair. Mr. Dowe said there was a verbal agreement with "A place for Sammy" for them to maintain the equipment. They are no longer together so with no money and no maintenance it has become in disrepair. Mr. Cleary moved on to the flooding issue at Cornerstone. He said the land was made higher at the

new housing site so water now runs into the neighbor's yards. Mayor Brown said this issue has already been addressed by this Committee.

Debbie Bradford of Johnson St. said she is grateful for the letter going out to the neighbors on the alleyways. She asked that the ordinance be included in the letter and the penalties if not kept up. The Mayor said the letter will state that information and they will be mailed very soon. Mr. Telsey said the alleyways will be cleaned up at no cost to the residents. The property owners will be advised of their responsibilities going forward. Ms. Bradford commented a lot of the houses are rented. She thinks the notice should go to the owners not the tenants.

Mr. Cleary asked if the Township is going to fix the ruts in the alleyways also.

Patrick Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. mentioned there is material at Public Works to fix the rubber base at the playground. Mr. Santogrossi said yes there are bags of material but no instructions on how to use it. Mr. Bomba said the Township needs to ask the Police Department to keep an eye on the playground so it does not get broken by people. Mayor Brown said there are cameras out there currently.

Robert Brayerton of Lakeview Drive spoke of a sink hole by Laytons Lake. This hole seems to be getting larger. He asked if it can be filled in again even if temporary.

With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2018-142

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pelura motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:44 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Newton to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:21 pm.

Mr. Dowe made a motion to authorize Mr. Santogrossi to advertise for help, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. An Employee was addressed to move into a full-time position.

RESOLUTION 2018-144

HIRING MARTIN PATTERSON TO FULL TIME IN PUBLIC WORKS

Motion was made by Mr. Dowe to hire Martin Patterson to a full-time position in the Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Pelura asked if the Township has started receiving payments from the Verizon tower yet. Mrs. Stout said she is going to check on when the payments are to start. She will follow up.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Newton to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Approved: 9-9-2018


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk